



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN No. 9

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful end to the first half of the Autumn term.

On behalf of the AVA School Parliament, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the harvest donations, bringing in items and encouraging classes to do the same.

This year, we have had our best haul ever – over 1000 items! We had 120 bags of food and toiletries – 60 went to the Roman Park Food Bank (our local community food bank) and 60 were donated to the Aylesbury Food Bank. Both were extremely grateful and overwhelmed by our efforts!

Our winning class, with an amazing 148 items, is... OTTERS! Well done, Otters - there is a mufti day for you on Friday 5th November!

As one of our Year 1 reps said: "This would not have happened if our school didn't have a School Parliament. It is because of us working together that we can help lots of people." Thank you.

"We cannot thank you enough for the wonderful gifts of food from your Harvest Festival. We loved meeting the students, they are so kind and so keen to help, it is much appreciated." Sue Severn – Berryfields Parish Council



Year 6 parents please remember to complete your online Secondary Application before 31st October 2021. You must do this (even if your child wishes to stay here at AVA) on time to be considered for your choices in the first round of allocations.

Flu Vaccinations

The immunisation team are looking at new dates as the 4th is not viable for us both. A letter has gone out for you to opt out if required, please also use this if you choose to have your child immunised prior to our vaccination programme.

Hot Meals

As advised earlier in the term there will be a price increase in Hot Meals to £2.35, this will happen after half term.

Enrichment clubs

These will be starting after half term, these are available to book on the School Gateway under the Payments section. We are able to offer:

Year 4,5,6	Netball club (Wednesday)
Year 1,2,3	Construction club (Wednesday)
Year 4,5,6	Art club (Wednesday)
Year 3,4,5,6	Coding club (Wednesday)
Year 1,2,3,4	Film club (Wednesday)
Year 5,6	Sports club (Friday)
Year 1,2	Multi skills (Friday)

All clubs will finish at 4:00 and pick up will be from the playground Gate A. The £5 charge is for the whole half term (not per session) and ensures we can purchase the resources needed to run these activities. We are starting at this point as we wanted to see how the current climate was and will re-evaluate for January nearer the time.

Yr 5 Poetry Workshop

Thank you to everyone who has paid for the Poetry Workshop, this is a reminder that this payment closes on the 30/10/21 so please complete your payment by then.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and need assistance please contact the school. Unfortunately events such as these can only run with sufficient funding and support.

Outstanding Balances

There are some outstanding balances on the School Gateway please can you check your accounts and clear all balances. If these aren't cleared the debts will be passed onto our finance team who will be invoicing you directly.

If your payment doesn't go through please go back into your account and clear the outstanding balance, if this isn't cleared we won't be able to allow you to book any more sessions.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and need assistance please contact the school.

School Photo Proofs

The school photo proofs are here and should have gone home in book bags either yesterday or today. Please ensure that you process payment for the photos directly with the supplier DSP Photography. The school are not involved in the ordering of school photos and will not take any money for school photos or book on your behalf.

The deadline for ordering for delivery to school is **Wednesday 3rd November 2021** after which you will be charged to have your photos delivered to your address. We cannot go beyond this deadline so please ensure that you order on time.

If you lose your proof please email the company at dsp.enquiries@gmail.com

Reception and Preschool Parent Consultations

The appointments are live, please book onto the system we will be unable to have meetings outside of these times.

To book onto the system please follow this link or copy and paste it into your browser:

<https://aylesburyvaleacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Booking Deadlines

School Photos	03/11/2021
Yr R and Preschool Consultations	08/11/2021
Enrichment Clubs	31/10/2021
Poetry Workshop Yr 5 only	30/10/2021
2023 Yr 6 School Trip	05/11/2021

And last but certainly not least... Today we held our first mufti day of the school year. This was following a great assembly about the British Lung Foundation by our very own Daniel. We decided that we wanted to support a charity linked to our school community and today raised around £400. Thank you all for your support and kindness. This money will make a huge difference to the charity.

I wish you all a safe and happy half term. See you on Monday 1st November 2021.

Kind regards

Mrs C Baughan



HM Government



If you have any of the following symptoms:



A new, continuous cough



A high temperature



A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Get a test as soon as possible.
Stay at home until you get the result.

Well-being Matters

The current situation is a challenge for all, and we appreciate our students may find the uncertainty of the pandemic difficult. The safeguarding team are always here to support our students and we can be reached directly using the following email address: safeguarding@theacademy.me

There are several charities who can support your child if you are concerned about their mental health, these are listed below:



Kooth - online counselling for young people

www.kooth.com



EVERY MIND MATTERS

Every Mind Matters

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters



Mind

www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing



Mental Health Foundation

<https://mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

Thank you for everything you are doing at this difficult time in support the children at the

Aylesbury Vale Academy.